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S-A-F-E-T-Y F-I-R-S-T on the roads!

Up to date, the honors are with the Vermont brook trout as against the many Izaak Walton's.

"When is a boss not a boss?" asks the Boston Transcript. We would say, when he is bossed by a bigger boss.

You have 11 days to beat Governor Gates to Arbor day in Vermont. It will do no harm to set out trees now.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels wants a sponsor for the launching of the torpedo boat destroyer Tucker. None but a teetotaler need apply.

That measure of relief which Vermont experienced a few weeks since has now fallen to the lot of New York; the legislature at Albany has adjourned.

All this hue and cry against "The Birth of a Nation" has been turned to splendid publicity account by the sponsors of the play; they're not sorry about it.

Hedding M. E. church and many friends of the pastor outside of the church will be pleased to welcome Rev. E. F. Newell back for another year of ministry in Barre.

The towns of Norwich and Hartford know what it is to be caught in bad company—they are about to be quarantined for the gypsy moth with 21 New Hampshire towns.

Theodore Roosevelt has not lost the requisites of good "copy" for newspaper reporters; and he never will as long as he breathes, and considerably after that time, let it be added.

The affections of wives vary from \$1,500 to \$100 in Rutland county, we notice by the verdicts returned recently in county court there, showing that love is not a stable, albeit staple, product.

Among those who will win or lose a reputation in the Barnes-Roosevelt trial will be William M. Ives, the leading attorney for the plaintiff, who heretofore has held the reputation of having a mind as nimble and keen as any in the profession in New York state. The Roosevelt mind is proving itself fully as nimble.

The chief difference between the French and the German official reports of the progress of the war seems to be that the French report is about one jump ahead of the German in nearly every instance. That is, while the Germans are telling us of an occurrence the French may be telling us of actual changes in that occurrence.

Brattleboro has enjoyed having the Methodists as its guests. Next month it will extend a welcome to the Greater Vermont association and to the Old Fellows and Rebekahs of the state. We are always pleased to have visitors from other parts of the commonwealth get better acquainted with the best town in Vermont.—Brattleboro Reformer.

Following which assertion, 245 towns and cities of Vermont beg leave to amend.

## THE CANADIANS ON THE FIRING-LINE.

From all the reports, both official and unofficial, it is conceded that the Canadian soldiers fought admirably in the great battle around Ypres, in Belgium, during the closing days of last week; and even the official reports seem to depart from their usual stolidity and shower praise upon the troops from the dominion. Now this praise from headquarters might be taken as a means of encouragement to further enlistment in the territory to the north of the United States, but such superficial attribute cannot be attached to the report which was issued Saturday; there is too much of the element of sincerity of expression in the headquarters statement to permit of such an interpretation. It must be taken for sincere praise for a worthy performance inasmuch as the pertinacity and courage of the Canadians saved the allies from the consequences of a disastrous rout after the French troops had been



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driven back a mile and a quarter through the use by the Germans of bombs carrying a deadly gas. The Canadians, too, were forced to fall back to maintain the continuity of the allies' line, but they soon recovered their poise and were the first to return to the conflict, going back with such ferocious vigor that the Germans were forced to retreat and leave breastworks and heavy guns behind just conquered from the Canadians. By this effective counter-charge, the day was saved from being hopelessly lost for the allies, since the Canadian charge carried along the French and Belgian troops so that they also regained much of the ground lost at the same time. All the ground was not regained, but the counter-charge all along the line was successful enough to lend encouragement to the allies, commanders and men alike. For restoring the morale of a discomfited army, line, the Canadians must be given credit and much credit, too, in the light of the possibilities for complete disaster of the battle. They have fully justified their presence on the firing-line; and from this time forth they should show largely increased value to the cause of the allies.

## CURRENT COMMENT

Getting Value Received is the Main Thing.

"By shaving about \$10,000 from the proposed appropriation for the current year, the Rutland city fathers showed themselves to be a little ahead of the spirit of the day, which is spend, spend, spend—and get the wherewithal to spend with sometime, somewhere, somehow. It seems that a careful, conservative year is in prospect for Rutland."—Barre Times.

We trust that The Times will be shown to be a true prophet. Yet after all, it doesn't matter so much as to what a community spends on public works—whether its tax rate is one or three per cent. Getting value received, getting results, is the main thing. If the taxpayers of Rutland can get a hundred cents returned for a dollar expended, there will be few of them who object to the amount expended—that is, with any reason. What makes dissatisfaction is inefficiency and waste.

A case in point: Rutland has expended over \$300,000 on its streets since it became a city—and it has precious little to show for it. It hasn't a square foot of really permanent paving, and if this third of a million of dollars had been expended in the past 25 years judiciously its business center at least would to-day be paved with brick or cement, one or both. Meanwhile its residence streets could have been kept gravelled.

This is not capricious criticism, nor is it theory. It's plain fact.

Now if Rutland's expenditure for streets had been double what it has been and the goods had been delivered in full value there would be few complaints. As we say, it is waste, inefficiency that causes all the real dissatisfaction.—Rutland News.

## Belvidere's Troubles.

A most significant sidelight on the absurdity of maintaining a separate government in small, poor towns was shed by the prayer of Belvidere for relief at the hands of the legislature on account of the burning of a school house.

This town has a population of 420 and an area of 16,832 acres. Its grand list is about \$2000 and it owes over \$7500. To pay its expenses of government a tax of 82 was levied last year. Its vote for governor in 1914 was 65.

The original school house was erected by means of state aid to the extent of \$1000, and in order to replace the burned building according to specifications of the state board of health, it is estimated that \$4000 is now required. To aid in constructing this building the state appropriated \$500.

Belvidere is no better and no worse than dozens of other towns that stagger under a heavy debt, a small grand list, an impoverished population, a heavy annual tax levy, and which come biennially to the legislature for relief. It was not included in the Herald's list of rotten boroughs, for the reason that its vote is over 50 and the character of the representation in the legislature is generally good. But Belvidere, according to any health

ness standard, is bankrupt, broke, busted or anything else that means that Belvidere cannot pay its debts and comfortably maintain a town government. The Herald believes the time is coming when some kind of a state tribunal shall wind up the affairs of a hopelessly bankrupt town and administer its government on some agreed plan.—Rutland Herald.

## Villa's Defeat.

Mexican news is usually more trustworthy cold than when hot from the wire. Tales of victories and reports of the movements of "armies" are ordinarily received by the public with justifiable scepticism. The revolution never is ended but always about to be ended. Generals rise and fall. The American public, anxious as it is to see the end of Mexican chaos and carnage, possesses its soul in patience and awaits confirmation of every report, however welcome its tenor may be to people longing for the end of the blood-lust that is raging south of the Rio Grande. The defeat of Villa at Celaya by Obregon is not one of those magnified skirmishes which have crowded Mexican annals of late. Nor is it to be put with mythical battles. "News of battle" is borne by one of the fugitives, no less a person than the indefatigable George C. Carothers, special agent of the United States government. Mr. Carothers has been attached to Villa's headquarters, and as in duty bound has rendered a report to the state department that places Villa's defeat beyond a doubt.

The victory of Obregon, the Carranzista chief, over Villa is not only an event of prime importance to Mexico but to the United States as well. The tradition of Villa's invincibility is shattered, and he is put on the defensive. A defeated Mexican revolutionist is a ruined man, and Villa's "magnetism" is likely to disappear. Many of his subordinates, former officers of the old Mexican regular army, are likely to disappear also, for the facility with which they change sides in Mexico is unsurpassed. If Villa lost 6,000 men it was a battle indeed. Most of the slain in a Mexican battle are those killed after surrender, but all the same Villa's hurt is grievous.

Americans will watch with keen interest the course of their own government. "Our friend" Villa has been practically backed by the Wilson administration. If Villa becomes a fugitive and takes refuge in the United States, or making a truce with his opponents, reverts to his old occupation of bandit and "bad man," what will our state department do? On whom will its mantle of quasi-protection fall next among Mexican "patriots"? Will it be obliged to patch up a compromise with Carranza as the victor? Will Carranza be willing to forgive and forget? So low has our prestige in Mexico fallen, and so impolitic is our Mexican "policy" that these questions, strange as they sound, are nevertheless pertinent.—Boston Transcript.

## Clean-Up Week.

Now that the St. Albans Business & Professional Men's association has named the date for "clean-up" week it is time to lay plans. From May 3 to May 5 there ought to be activity along the line and the desire of the committee to make St. Albans the "spotless town" of Vermont ought to be realized. Here is what the committee asks:

Rake up your front yards.  
Clean up your back yards, alleys, and passageways.  
Cart away all ashes, manure piles, garbage, tin cans, bottles, rubbish and refuse.

Pick up all waste papers around your yard or in the street.  
Disinfect all garbage cans to prevent the breeding of flies.

If the man-of-the-house will do his part, the committee will do theirs. They promise to send a team through every street in the city Wednesday morning, May 5, collecting free all the waste material people want to set out in boxes or other containers.

Last year the clean-up campaign met with great success. It should be repeated this year. It might be wise to begin the work in the out of the way places, in the back yards and alleys. If these are cared for before the enthusiasm is spent, it will be well, for pride will take care of the front lawn. Give the boys and girls their little tasks to do. It will help the work along and will have a good effect on future clean-up efforts. And once cleaned up keep that way for the rest of the summer.—St. Albans Messenger.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Women Voters Under the New Educational Law.

To the Editor of The Times: In a recent issue of the Woman's Journal published at Boston appears the following under Vermont notes:

"The House passed an amendment to the educational bill to the effect that women need not pay a poll tax in order to vote in school meetings."

This statement is misleading, as the average reader would thus be led to believe the act to be one of advanced legislation, while as a matter of fact the status of women voters in school meeting remains exactly as it has been for the past 40 years, only tax-paying women may vote. The only additional requirement being the taking of the freeman's oath.

The facts in the case are as follows: The law granting school suffrage to women reads: "shall have the same right as men." The next logical question would be, "what are the rights of men under the law, sec. 3416 as recently amended?" (See No. 111, acts 1915). Briefly they are these:

First—A male citizen 21 years of age.  
Second—He must take the freeman's oath.

Third—His list must have been taken, including poll, and taxes paid.

It will thus be seen that an amendment was necessary exempting women from paying a poll tax, as our laws make no provision for taking the polls of women; and without this amendment of exemption, tax-paying women would have been disfranchised. The intent of the legislature was not to change the voting status of women in this state.

This point should be fully understood by both men and women voters before school meeting else in matters of bonding, the voting of taxes, and election of officers, legal complications might follow. Under the old law women were not required to take the freeman's oath, under the new law they are. This oath is to the effect that voters will give their vote or suffrage in such a manner as in their judgment will best advance the interests of the state.

This is exactly as it should be. Women should be made to feel they are a part of the government under which they live.

Gladstone once in addressing the British Parliament said, "All who live in a country should take an interest in that country and the vote gives that sense of interest and fosters that love." This is precisely what is claimed by suffragists.

The recent legislature took an advanced step in the new educational law which especially favors men. The state board of education may hereafter be composed of "persons" instead of "men," as heretofore.

It is now within the power of Governor Gates to appoint a woman to this board and many interested women, including teachers, suffragists, and mothers, sincerely hope this will be done.

Annette W. Parmelee.

Enosburg Falls, Vt., April 24, 1915.

## WEST BERLIN.

Fred Cameron has recently bought the E. A. Glines farm and will move there this week.

William Spear has moved his family to Northfield Falls on to the John Allen farm.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hewitt spent several days in Northfield last week.

Mrs. Susan Keyes was in Montpelier several days last week.

Mrs. Mark Glines has been ill for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Gove visited friends in Northfield last week.

Mrs. May Patterson called on Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Gove recently.

Mrs. A. H. Cole visited her aunt, Mrs. M. J. Ayers, last Friday.

The ladies' aid will meet at the home of Mrs. M. E. Glines next Friday from 2 to 4 p. m.

Mrs. B. Tolan from Barre spent a short time with Mr. and Mrs. John Hogan recently.

Orrin Kimball has recently purchased a new Ford automobile.

Mrs. Catherine Clark was quite ill last week.

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## The Vaughan Store

Bay View course will probably be studied the coming year, although all details of the program are left with the program committee. The club has had a very successful year.

## WAITSFIELD.

The was no morning service at the Congregational church Sunday, as the pastor, Rev. W. A. Remeece, has the grippe.

Clyde Baird was home from Montpelier seminary for the week-end.

Principal Franklin Williams spent Saturday in Montpelier.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gleason of Montpelier were in town Sunday.

There was no service in the M. E. church Sunday as Rev. and Mrs. Redstone are at conference.

Wallace Howe, while putting a halter on a colt, was kicked in the stomach Sunday, and is confined to his bed.

Mrs. Annie Elliott of Burlington was called home by the serious illness of James Carpenter.

Mrs. Ned Newcomb returned last week from Montpelier.

John C. Kingsbury is in Montpelier on

account of the serious illness of M. M. Davis.

H. S. Ryder of Morrisville was a week-end guest of Will Graves.

Mrs. Fred Wilder was operated on at Mary Fletcher hospital, Thursday last, for tubercular bunches in her neck. Mr. Wilder spent Sunday with her.

## GRANITEVILLE.

Saturday afternoon the East Barre school team was defeated by the Upper Graniteville team at baseball by a score of 14 to 5. Halligan and Vivian were the battery for the home team while Gray and Bison was the battery for East Barre.

Regular meeting of branch No. 12, Q. W. I. U. of N. A., will be held in the gymnasium at upper Graniteville Wednesday evening, April 28, at 7 o'clock. Per order of secretary.

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